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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
 DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
 DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
 STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

~~CLIFFORD R. LIPMAN, M.D.~~
 LICENSE # 25MA03812100

CONSENT ORDER OF
 REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
 IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon the request of Clifford R. Lipman, M.D., for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine and surgery. At present, Dr. Lipman's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is surrendered by an Interim Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of Licensure ("Interim Consent Order") filed with the Board on June 5, 2009.

The Interim Consent Order was entered into following Dr. Lipman's relapse into the use of alcohol in May 2009. Dr. Lipman has a history of recovery from alcohol and drug abuse

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dating to 1982. In 1999, Dr. Lipman surrendered his license following a relapse; licensure was restored with restrictions on his ability to prescribe or dispense controlled substances in 2000. These restrictions were modified in 2002 and finally lifted in 2003. After another relapse in June of 2008, Dr. Lipman enrolled in a treatment and monitoring program of the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey ("P.A.P."), by agreement with the Board. Following his May 2009 relapse and surrender of licensure, Dr. Lipman was required to continue with his P.A.P. treatment and monitoring program during his practice cessation period.

On January 27, 2010, Dr. Lipman appeared with Edward G. Reading, Ph.D., LCADC, of the P.A.P., before a Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the Board and testified concerning his compliance with the terms of the Interim Consent Order. Proofs submitted to the Board by the P.A.P. on Dr. Lipman's behalf, along with testimony by Dr. Lipman and Dr. Reading, demonstrated that during the period of Dr. Lipman's practice cessation, he maintained a substantial period sobriety from alcohol and drug abuse, has actively participated in Alcoholics Anonymous with the assistance of a sponsor, and has complied with all requirements of P.A.P. treatment and monitoring. The Board is therefore satisfied that Dr. Lipman has complied with the terms of the Interim Consent Order of June 2009.

The Board finding the within disposition is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, for the reasons expressed herein and other good cause having been shown,

IT IS on this 2 day of March, 2010,

ORDERED THAT:

1. The license of Clifford R. Lipman, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is reinstated without clinical practice restrictions.

2. Dr. Lipman shall continue to be enrolled in Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey and monitored for the following:

a. Absolute abstinence from all psychoactive substances including alcohol, unless prescribed by a treating physician for a documented medical condition, with notification by the treating physician to the Executive Medical Director of the P.A.P. of the diagnosis, treatment plan and medications prescribed;

b. Regular attendance at the support group Alcoholics Anonymous at a minimum of three meetings per week;

c. Random, twice-weekly urine monitoring for one year following the entry of this Order. Thereafter, screens will be at a frequency of once per week for the next twelve months followed by a frequency that is consistent with Dr. Lipman's duration in recovery;

d. Continued counseling with Dr. Lipman's counselor, Thomas DiPaola, LCSW, until such time as the counselor, in consultation with the Executive Medical Director of the P.A.P., agrees that it is no longer required with notification of such to the Board;

e. Continued treatment with Dr. Lipman's physician, Vijaya Peddu, M.D., until such time as the physician, in consultation with the Executive Medical Director of the P.A.P., agrees that it is no longer required with notification of such to the Board;

f. Monthly in-person meetings with a clinical representative of the P.A.P.;

g. Quarterly status reports from Mr. DiPaola and Dr. Peddu to the P.A.P. with immediate notification of non-compliance, a deterioration in status or that Dr. Lipman has relapsed;


h. Quarterly reports from the P.A.P. to the Board with immediate notification upon receipt of information that indicates that Dr. Lipman is non-compliant with the mandates of the Board or the recommendations of the P.A.P., or that he has relapsed.

3. Dr. Lipman expressly waives any privileges or confidentiality to the extent necessary for compliance with this Consent Order, and authorizes P.A.P., the Board, and the

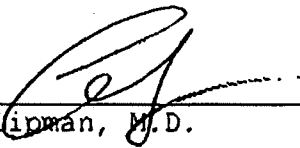
Attorney General to receive all information concerning his compliance with this Consent Order.

4. Dr. Lipman shall be responsible for all costs associated with the monitoring program outlined herein.

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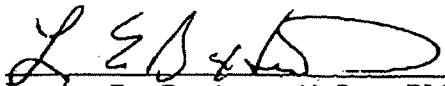
By: 
Paul C. Mendelowitz, M.D., President

I have read the within Consent Order. I understand the Consent Order and I agree to be bound by its terms and conditions. I hereby consent to the entry of this Consent Order.


Clifford R. Lipman, M.D.

Dated: 2-16-10

Consented to on behalf of the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey.


Louis E. Baxter, M.D., FASAM
Executive Medical Director

Dated: 2/16/10